## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA WESTERN DIVISION

No. 5:09-CR-234-BO-1 No. 5:11-CV-155-BO

TERRENCE DOUGLAS PENNINGTON	)	
	)	
v.	)	<u>O R D E R</u>
	)	
UNITED STATES	)	
	_)	

This matter is before the Court on *pro se* Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate under 28 U.S.C. § 2255. (DE # 35<sup>1</sup>, 39).

## **FACTS**

On January 21, 2010, petitioner pled guilty, pursuant to a written plea agreement (DE # 22), to possession with the intent to distribute a quantity of marijuana and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. On April 27, 2010, this Court sentenced petitioner to 97 months of incarceration, as well as other penalties. (DE # 33). Petitioner did not appeal his conviction or sentence.

On April 4, 2011, Petitioner filed a motion seeking collateral review of his conviction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255. In his petition, petitioner claims, *inter alia*, that his counsel failed to file an appeal in spite of his request.

In its Response, the Government requests that the Court re-enter a new judgment identical in all respects to the earlier one except for the date of entry so that Petitioner could

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Motion at (DE # 39) is the same as (DE # 35) except it was written on the proper motion form at the direction of the Court.

timely appeal his sentence. <u>United States v. Mongold</u>, 259 Fed. Appx. 539, 540-41 (4th Cir. 2007).

## **CONCLUSION**

The Court ORDERS the clerk to re-enter a new judgment for Petitioner identical in all respects to Petitioner's earlier one except that the date of entry should be today's date.

SO ORDERED, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2011.

Tenere W. Boyle
TERRENCE W. BOYLE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE